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SUBJ: GREEK OPPOSITION LEADER'S STATEMENT ON TURKISH
ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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1. IN EVENT WE ARE ASKED FOR COMMENT ON PASOK LEADER

PAPANDREOU'S ALLEGATION THAT TURKS HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO ACQUIRE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR CAPABILITY REFTEL), WE HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO BE USED ON CONTINGENCY/BACKGROUND BASIS: BEGIN TEXT: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS OR EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP OR ACQUIRE ANY MILITARY NUCLEAR CAPABILITY OUTSIDE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE USG PURSUANT TO NATO OBJECTIVES AND MISSIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOT HAS ONE NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR PRESENTLY IN OPERATION AND IS PLANNING TO ACTIVATE A SECOND. UNDER OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, THE US HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPLY ONLY 15 KGS OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL. TURKEY HAS ACCEPTED THE APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON THIS MATERIAL. TURKEY IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE IAEA AND HAS COOPERATED INTERNATIONALLY IN PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. END TEXT.

2. FYI: WE HAVE HAD NO RPT NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GOT OR TURKISH MILITARY ARE INTERESTED IN OR HAVE TAKEN STEPS LEADING TO DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR THEIR OWN USE. MOREOVER, WE STRONGLY DOQBT THAT THE TURKS WOULD CONSIDER SUCH ACTION FEASIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH. PRESENTLY THEIR TOTAL SUPPLY OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL HAS COME FROM THE US AND IS SO SMALL THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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IT DOES NOT PRESENT THEM WITH THE POSSIBILITY FOR MANUFACTURING NUCLEAR DEVICES.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, ALLEGATIONS SURFACED IN THE PRESS APRIL 18-19 THAT ANKARA NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN USED BY EXTREME RIGHTIST SYMPATHIZERS TO MANUFACTURE LETTER/PARCEL BOMBS AND TERRORIST-TYPE CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. (NOTE: TURKISH RESEARCH REACTORS ARE LOCATED IN ISTANBUL.) ACCORDING TO PRESS APRIL 19, INSTITUTE DIRECTOR DENIED THAT MATERIALS TO MAKE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE AVAILABLE AT THE ANKARA CENTER AND SAID THAT HIS FACILITY IS "UNDER HEAVY SECURITY CONTROL." (COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THESE PRESS REPORTS ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF THE PAPANDREOU ALLEGATION. EMBASSY IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THESE LATEST PRESS REPORTS.) DILLON

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